

Sunday, December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

GOD BLESS AMERICA

WELCOME: To all Visitors and New-comers! If you are interested in becoming a member of our church family, please call the office at (337) 364-0818 or fill out a Census Form found on the table in the entrance of Church and mail to the office.

BAPTISM: Please contact the office or Rev. James Nguyen.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage should contact the office at least 6 months before the proposed date of weddings.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions are heard from 30 minutes until 10 minutes before weekend Masses, and from 11:30am until 12:00pm noon on weekday Masses, and by appointment.

**MASS INTENTIONS & BULLETIN INFORMATION

DEADLINE: Wednesday before 4:00 pm. All Mass intentions & Bulletin information turned in after Wednesday will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION & MAIL IN COLLECTION

CHURCH SUPPORT & MAINTENANCE: 11/24 \$ 1,422.00 MAIL IN COLLECTION: 11/25-26 \$ 131.00

\$ 1,553.00

Property & Liability Insurance Fund: \$ 409.00 FOOD PANTRY: \$ 20.00

"Thank You" for your generosity & continued support

CHURCH CLEANERS-

Week-12/07-Kim Hebert

ALTAR FLOWERS-...In Loving Memory of
Loucinda DuBois (Birthday-December 3)

By Joseph DuBois Family

*IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY is a Holy Day of Obligation. On Monday, December 9th the mass times will be at 12:10pm and 5:30pm.

SUNDAY READINGS-

December 1-First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 / 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 (3)

December 8-Second Sunday of Advent-

Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6 (6)

ST. MARCELLUS CHURCH

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St. Marcellus Business Working Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm Lunch 11:30 am - 1:00 pm Friday 8:30 am - 11:30 am

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am & 9:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 12:10 pm *First Friday of Month: Mass at 4:30pm *First Friday Adoration: 8:00am-4:00pm-Devotions Friday: 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Friday of Month *12:10 pm

*Holy Hour: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & 2nd, 3rd,

4th & 5th Friday of the month at 11:00 am

<u>First Saturday of Month: 9:00am Mass (Rosary at 8:15am</u> followed by Devotions) Children of Mary members please arrive at church by 8:00am for Rosary

BAPTISMS- If you are not a registered member for our parish, there are registration census forms on the table in the entrance of Church that needs to be filled out before you can have your child baptized here. Either mail the form to the Church or put in an envelope marked "Census" and put in the collection. *If you live outside of our parish, you will have to contact your local church parish to get a letter stating they give permission for our Church to baptize your child here.

MA\$\$ INTENTION\$- \$aturday, November 30 / 8:30am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:00am)

Saturday, Nevember 30 / 4:00pm: Craig Mayard (B & WA), Warren Pellerin, Goldie Moore, Elizabeth Segura, Paul & Linda Richard, Johnny & Ethel Viator, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 1 / 7:00am: Calvin Glaubrecht Family, Robert Leslie, Alfred & Mary Leslie, Doug Leslie, Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Oswald Decuir & Family Living & Deceased, Cody David, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased

Sunday, December 1 / 9:00ams Shirley & Roland DeRouen & Family, M/M John Inzerella Family, M/M Ernest Crochet & Family, St. Eloi, Mathew Comeaux, For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Chaplet at 8:30am)

Monday, December 2 / 9:00am: For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:30am)

Tuesday, December 3 / 12:10pms Joseph & Loucinda (B) DuBois, Father Joseph Pilola & Family Living & Deceased, For Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am)

Wednesday, December 4 / 12:10pm: William & Dolores Dooley, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Holy Hour at 11:00am) **Thursday, December 5 / 12:10am:** For All Seminarians of the Lafayette Diocese

First Friday, December 6 / 4:30pms Jude M. Boudreaux, Corey Campratore, Ronald & Eileen Derouen, Mathew Comeaux, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life (Adoration 8am-4pm, then Devotions)

First Saturday, December 7 / 9:00ams Mathew Comeaux, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary at 8:15am, then Devotions)

Saturday, December 7 / 4:00pms Bill & Susan Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, Rudell Landry & Family Living & Deceased, Deceased Family Members of Jimmy & Bonnie Thibodeaux, Mack & Irene Wilson & Family, Jonathan Gautreau, Johnny & Ethel Viator, Deceased Family Members of Joy & Danny Babineaux, Rodney "Pop" Melancon, M/M Jackson Broussard & Family Living & Deceased, For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased (Rosary 3:30pm)

Sunday, December 8 / 7:00ams Mrs. Mary D. Robertson, Pete Bourque & Family Living & Deceased, Howard & Nickie Castille & Family Living & Deceased, Harold Borel, Cody David, For All Priests & Deacons Living & Deceased, For All Parishioners Living & Deceased

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SECOND COLLECTION-This weekend, November 30 &

<u>December 1</u>, there will be a second collection for the <u>Retirement</u> for the Religious.

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CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICES-Saturdays, November 30, December 14, 21 at 10am at the Church. The Christmas play will be performed on Tuesday, December 24 before 4pm Mass, meet at church no later than 3:45PM. Millie-337-519-2555.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS-Saturday,

<u>December 14 at 11:30am.</u> Need volunteers to help decorate in the Church. We will need men to put up wreaths and Christmas Tree and Lights. Arrive at Church at 11:30am.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL-St. Marcellus Church will have a Christmas Social on Saturday, December 14th starting after the 4pm Mass at the Hall. It will be a Chicken and Sausage Gumbo provided by the Segura's. The Church will provide the drinks and paper goods. The Choices of Covered Dishes that are needed-Meat Dishes, Vegetable Dishes, Potato Salad, Rice, Desserts, Bread/Buns. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the entrance of Church for the covered dish food list. The Children's Christmas Gifts will be handed out.

TEEN LIFE MINISTRY-Ashley Menard-Leader-337-380-3239 Anyone in 8th-12th grade & interested in attending Steubenville in June, 2025? Contact Ashley Menard for more information!

<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> is on each <u>Sunday</u> at the 9am mass. Father will call up the children before the readings and say a prayer then they will go in the Sacristy with the Teacher to learn a lesson on the Sunday Gospel. For children ages 4 thru the 5th grade.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 7050-

The Knights would like to recognize the following:

<u>Knight of the Month</u>-Cody Castille

<u>Family of the Month</u>-David & Katy Larson

...This Sunday after the 9am Mass, the Knights will be offering donut holes and coffee under the canopy of Church.



First Sunday of Advent

2025 CALENDARS ARE IN- You can pick up 1 calendar per family on the table in the front entrance of Church. Thank you to these Sponsors-Knights of Columbus Council 7050, Children of Mary Group and Segura Farms L. L. C.

Divine Mercy Ministry for the Sick and Dying- We, here at St. Marcellus, have a ministry of prayer for the sick, the homebound and the dying. We will pray with you at your home as often as you like. For more information, call Kathy Scott at (337) 365-5095.





SANCTUARY LAMP-

...In Loving Memory of
Lester & Cynthia Lopez,
Warren Sr. & Marie Hebert
by Gregg & Yvonne L. Hebert

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-*These grades: 2nd grade First Communion and Confirmation classes (8th, 9th & 10th graders) is held at the hall on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm. Next class will be this Tuesday, December 3rd.

The Confirmation Retreat will be on February 21, 22 & 23 at St. Nicholas Church in Lydia.

>*Elementary students: 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th grades will come on the Second Sunday of the month, Mass at 9am and then class after from 10am to 11am at the Hall. The Next Elementary class will be on Sunday, December 8th. Please bring your lesson folders back to receive your next lesson folders.

*The High School students: 6th, 7th grades and Morality Class after Confirmation, will come on the Third Sunday of the month. Mass at 9am & then class after from 10am to 11am at Hall. The next High School class is Sunday, December 15.

For those 8th, 9th & 10th grade students who get confirmed in 2024-2025: the Confirmed 8th & 9th grade students will come back 2025-2026 for Sacraments class, then Morality Class for 2026-2027. The Confirmed 10th grade students will come back for Morality Classes in 2025-2026 sessions.

When Confirmation gets to 8th Grade the students will come back each year for Sacraments then Morality Classes.

<u>The Light is On For You-</u>All church parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will offer individual confession every Wednesday of Advent from 6:30PM to 8PM. This is a special outreach of mercy to encourage Catholics to return to the Sacrament of Confession & experience God's healing love. <u>St. Marcellus</u>-Dec. 4, 11 & 18 from 6pm-7pm.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS-

Mass time for Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 is at 4:00pm and the Mass time for Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 will be at 9:00am. New Year's Eve December 31st mass at 4pm and New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st mass at 9am. Christmas and New Years are Holy Days of Obligation.

EXERCISE CLASS-There are exercise classes for Seniors on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 8:45am to 9:45am at the Hall. If interested to participate for classes please arrive at the Hall on these days to sign up. These classes are free of charge. For more information call Loney Leeson at 337-364-8888.

COME, LORD JESUS! GROUP-The following Come, Lord Jesus group in our parish is: Dan & Louise Duncan-Avery Island, 337-364-4966, meet on Wednesdays at 4:00pm. If you are interested in joining the group, please call. The group goes over Sunday Gospel, explaining God's word & prayer time.

2025 ALTAR FLOWER FUND DONATIONS-Anyone interested in donating for the "2025 Flowers", please contact Millie Comeaux at 337-519-2555 or mail your list to Millie Comeaux, 1901 Langston Road, New Iberia, LA 70560. Make checks out to Millie Comeaux.

Price for the 4 Holiday Altar Flowers<u>**\$50.00 total for all 4</u>. Price for the 1 Weekend Altar Artificial Flowers<u>**\$20.00 for artificial flower arrangement.</u>

Price for 1 Weekend Altar Real Flowers-\$65.00 for real flower arrangement. Please contact Millie if you want the Real Flower arrangement for a specific weekend so she can place order.

Please pray for those of our community who have requested our prayers: Casey Derouen, Judy Bourque, Devin Lavergne, Lula Barras, Margaret Bourque, Mary Oubre, Bailey Doré, Wilmer Sanford, Christine Bodin, Kerry Leleux, Mark Rouly, Rodney Leleux, Reagan Macicek, Michael Bourgeois Sr., Linda Escagne, Barbara Clark, Ken & Judy Broussard, Myra Derouen Boutte, Kathy Frusha Fuqua, Fisher Melder, Wilda Hite, Loretta Decuir, Barbara D. Alleman, Phyllis Aucoin, Louis Boudreaux Jr. & Sr., Fr. Manny Fernandez, Dean Lancon, Grant Darby, Michael Bourgeois Jr., Michelle Dugas, Kathy Scott, Steven Marcor, Amy K. Citrano, Dominik Citrano, Maddox Citrano, Dossie Darby, R.T. Touchet, Kim Rentrop, Freda Rentrop, Joyce Thibodeaux, Mona Doiron, Debbie Thibodeaux, Judy Landry, Zenaida Retana, Charlie Thibodeaux, Natasha & Ryan Kirkeby, Kerry Hebert, Daniel Bourque, Stefan Norris, Roxanne Lavergne, Julia Armentor, Hazel Delahoussaye, Kimberly Elizabeth Moreaux, Linda Yoder, Patrick Castille, Peggy Derouen, Debra Kennedy, Quinton Sims, Noah Daniels, Hayward Delcambre, Angelica Daniels, Johnny & Karen Broussard, Pam Jude, Michelle Thibodeaux Broussard, Wayne Derise, Mary Dartez, Kressent Landry, Dayton Boutte, Catherine Landry, Elijah Landry, Jason Walker, David Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Barbara Boudreaux, Brandon Barbin, Cassie Lannie, Marvin Rentrop, Mary Grace Rentrop, Zoda P. Bourque, Christian James, Blair & Wendy Yoder, Mark & Karen Messinger, Katie Faulk, Edwin Mayeaux, Freddie Norris, Cody Castille, Robert LeBlanc, Geraldine LeBlanc, Lauris Land, Roy Boudreaux, Ramsey Moss, Kade Breaux, Savannah Jones, Joseph Calvin Landry, Gerald Sewell, Carmen Decuir, Lois Romero, Joyce Romero, Gretchen Lavergne, Glorious Broussard, Hypolite Meyers, Nicholas Landry, Wanda Breaux, Faith Kreamer, Jermaine Boutte, Jennifer O'Neall, Randal Riggle, Rita & Steven King, Don Simon, Jessica Guidry, Barbara LeBlanc, Amy Crochet, Alison Lavergne, Bella Cervantes, William "Kojak" Broussard, Monique Lancon, Michael Norris, Denise David, Ann LaPointe, Payton Suire, Brian Delcambre, Steven Lavergne, & sick members of our church parish family, the homebound, those with a dependency, those recovering from injuries & those admitted into hospitals & nursing homes.

<u>VOCATION CHALICE</u> Each week at Mass, a family or individual is to receive the Chalice to pray for vocations. Please pick up the Chalice in the Sacristy in back of the Altar. Thank you & God Bless. <u>December</u>

*Barbara Broussard-December 1-7-Sunday at 7am

*Elsie LeBlanc-December 7-14-Saturday at 4pm

*Betty Romero-December 15-22-Sunday at 9am

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT-Friday, December 6-Adoration 8:00am-4pm, then Devotions, Mass at 4:30pm. Please consider spending one hour with the Blessed Sacrament. The sign-up sheet can be found on table in the entrance of the Church.

ST. MARCELLUS FOOD BASKETS-Christmas Food

Baskets are prepared to help those who are in need. Please help us stock our pantry with non-perishable items. You can deposit your items in the corner of the front foyer of Church. Monetary donations will also be accepted, please enclose it in an envelope marked Food Pantry & drop it in the collection basket.

2025 MASS BOOK NOW OPEN FOR INTENTIONS—Please put your list of intentions & \$5.00 per intention in a sealed envelope. >Indicate your name, address, phone number & the amount of money submitted. Put your envelope marked Masses in the collection basket or mail your envelope to the Office. MASS INTENTIONS Will Not Be Accepted Over the Phone. Forms can be found in the folder on the table at the entrance of Church.

Examples are for one intention: John Smith, or Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, or husband and wife-John and Sue Smith, or the John Smith Family. One intention is not John, June, Brock & Sam Smith. One intention is not John Smith, Don Boulder & Amy Charles. One intention is not Mr. & Mrs. John Smith & Mark.

Please pray for the perseverance of Seminarian Stephen Melancon Seminarian Bret Lee

God our Father, thank you for calling these seminarians to prepare for the priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Amen.

<u>Lafayette Vocations</u>-www.facebook.com/lafayettelavocations and website www.lafayettevocations.org



"I can do things you cannot and you can do things I cannot. Together we can do great things." Saint Mother Teresa

<u>Lector Schedule, 2025 Church Cleaners, 2025 Eucharistic</u>
<u>Ministers, 2025 Money Counters & 2025 Vocation Prayer</u>
<u>Chalice Schedules</u> are ready & can be picked up in the folders in the front church entrance.

JOIN IN THE GREAT NOVENA FOR THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE- A 9 year novena leading up to 2033, the 2000th anniversary of our salvation. It begins Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and continues until Sept. 14, 2033. 1. Pray the novena prayer every day. 2. Read the monthly reflections published for the Great Novena. 3. Observe the special days of prayer and fasting for each year. Visit GreatNovenaLafayette.com for more information.

FOOD NET-The Iberia Parish Food Net Food Drive will be Tuesday, December 10th. Drop off of items will begin at 7:00am and will end at 5:30pm. The location has moved from the Louisiana Sugarcane Festival Building to Cyr Gates Community Center in New Iberia City Park on Parkview Drive. Canned goods and non-perishable food items along with financial contributions will be collected and distributed to 6 Iberia Parish Food Pantries who serve those in need in our community. Those food pantries are: The Glorious Church, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, St. Francis Diner, St. Nicholas Social Concern, The Social Service Center & Solomon House Outreach. May God reward you for your participation in this outreach.

2025 Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass-Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more of marriage are invited to register for the Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass on February 2, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Opelousas, led by Very Rev. Jared G. Suire. Registered couples will receive a certificate, and reserved seating will be provided for them and general seating for family and friends. Registration is required by January 24th at 12 noon. More details are available at https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information.

OUR LADY OF THE OAKS RETREAT DATES-

<u>Grand Coteau, LA-</u> For list of dates or to register or info about retreats, <u>www.gcretreats.org</u> 337-662-5410

Men's Retreat-Rynella Area-May 15-18, 2025, call Tommy Hebert at 337-364-6946 to make a reservation.

Reflection on the Gospel-

"Luke's hearers are waiting for an apocalyptic end time that seems long in coming. Luke's warning is not to let one's heart grow drowsy during the long wait. Like lovers whose passion fades and whose lives are lulled into routine, the people's ardor may dim and they may be found unprepared for the coming crisis. Be always watchful, he says. Pray for strength, and do not be afraid. Be ready for the embrace of the One who is Love Incarnate." -Living Liturgy tm, First Sunday of Advent 2024

"The Blessed Virgin loves above all to see in her children purity, humility, and charity."

On Our Lady (C.)-Thoughts of the Curé D'Ars

<u>Pro-Life Quote-</u>"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how to <u>respectlife.org/support-her</u>. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting" *Copyright* © 2024, *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.*

<u>BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL</u>-As of October 31, the Total Collected-\$8,282.00 Goal-\$8,213.00 Raised 101% of goal. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

<u>HEALING SERVICE-</u>Please join Fr. Manny Fernandez for a Healing Service at Sacred Heart Church in New Iberia on *<u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 11 at 1:30pm</u> in the Church. Rosary-1pm

Please pray for those who are in the Armed Forces:
US ARMY Firefighter-PFC-Braidyn Castille
US ARMY Tank Operator-Colin Boutte
National Guard/Army-Blackhawk Helicopter Pilot-Don L.
Romero II
AIR FORCE SPECIALIST-Mississippi-Nicholas Barras
ARMY-Drake Huval

ST. PETERS-SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CHRISTMAS

MUSICAL-The Acadiana Symphony Orchestra with guest soloists will perform their annual Sounds of the Season concert at St. Peter's Church on Sunday, December 1st at 3pm. You are invited to attend this annual concert featuring inspiring & well-known seasonal music. The concert is free & open to public.

TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION-The diocese of Lafayette joyfully announces & invites you to the Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of Brother John Paul Fruge, CJC.

On Saturday, December 14th at 10am at Cathedral of St. John,

Lafayette with Bishop Douglas Deshotel officiating. Please remember Brother John Paul in your prayers as he takes this significant step in his journey toward the priesthood.

RUNNING REVS VS SLAMMING SEMS-Diocese of Lafayette Priests vs Seminarians Basketball Game-Monday, December 30, Tip off 6:30pm, at St. Thomas More High School, 450 E. Farrel Rd, Lafayette, LA. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus #1286. Adults \$5.00, Kids \$2.00 Middle School 3pt Shootout 6pm, 3pt Shootout Championship Halftime

ENGAGED COUPLES- Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. \$275 Cost of weekends, \$125 non-refundable deposit to secure reservation, and to learn more, www.ceelafayette.org or Contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-962-5798 or reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com 2025 Dates-1/24-26, 3/21-23, 9/26-28

RETROUVAILLE—is a ministry for troubled marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. The weekend provides safe setting encouraging couples to learn communication in marriage in a respectful manner. Visit www.helpourmarriage.com for more information & to register. Call 985-232-5963 / email retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com